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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing is being reduced by 2 hours for the August 5th opening in the Kotzebue District. Commercial salmon fishing will now be open for 4 hours from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Monday, August 5 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Sunday night's 4-hour opening was 9,453 chum salmon by 38 permit holders for a total weight of 76,000 pounds, averaging 8.04 pounds per fish. This season's catch stands at over 153,439 chum salmon for 1.26 million pounds.

Catch index at the department test fish project near Kiana indicates a good chum salmon run to the Kobuk River. The test fish chum catch through August 4 ranks fourth highest in the 21-year project history.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.